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**The Starless Crown.**

Wearied and worn with earthly cares, I yielded to repose,  
And soon before my raptured sight a glorious vision rose:  
I thought, while slumbering on my couch in midnight's solemn gloom,  
I heard an angel's silvery voice, and radiance filled my room.

A gentle touch awakened me; a gentle whisper said,  
"Arise, O sleeper, follow me," and through the air we fled.  
We left the earth so far away that like a speck it seemed,  
And heavenly glory, calm and pure, across our pathway streamed.

Still on we went; my soul was rapt in silent ecstasy:  
I wondered what the end would be, what next should meet mine eye.  
I knew not how we journeyed through the pathless fields of light,  
When suddenly a change was wrought, and I was clothed in white.

We stood before a city's walls most glorious to behold;  
We passed through gates of glistening pearl, o'er streets of purest gold;  
It needed not the sun by day, the silver moon by night;  
The glory of the Lord was there, the Lamb himself its light.

Bright angels paced the shining street, sweet music filled the air,  
And white-robed saints with glittering crowns from every clime were there;  
And some that I had loved on earth stood with them round the throne,  
"All worthy is the Lamb," they sang, "the glory his alone."

But fairer far than all besides I saw, my Savior's face;  
And as I gazed he smiled on me with wondrous love and grace.  
Lowly I bowed before his throne, o'erjoyed that I at last  
Had gained the object of my hopes, that earth at length was past.

And then in solemn tones he said, "Where is the diadem  
That ought to sparkle on thy brow—adorned with many a gem?  
I know thou hast believed on me, and life through me is thine;  
But where are all those radiant stars that in thy crown should shine?"

Yonder thou seest a glorious throng, and stars on every brow;  
For every soul they led to me they wear a jewel now.  
And such thy bright reward had been, if such had been thy deed,  
If thou hadst sought some wandering feet in paths of peace to lead.

Thou wert not called that thou shouldst tread the way of life alone,  
But that the clear and shining light which round thy footsteps shone  
Should guide some other weary feet to my bright home of rest,  
And thus, in blessing those around, thou hadst thyself been blest."

The visions faded from my sight, the voice no longer spake,  
A spell seemed brooding o'er my soul which long I feared to break;  
And when at last I gazed around in morning's glimmering light,  
My spirit felt overwhelmed beneath that vision's awful might.

I rose and wept with chastened joy that yet I dwelt below,  
That yet another hour was mine my faith by works to show;  
That yet some sinner I might tell of Jesus' dying love,  
And help to lead some weary soul to seek a home above.

And now, while on earth I stay, my motto this shall be,  
"To live no longer to myself, but Him who died for me."  
And graven on my inmost soul I'll wear this truth divine,  
"They that turn many to the Lord bright as the stars shall shine."

—Selected.

**His Loss Was Her Gain.**

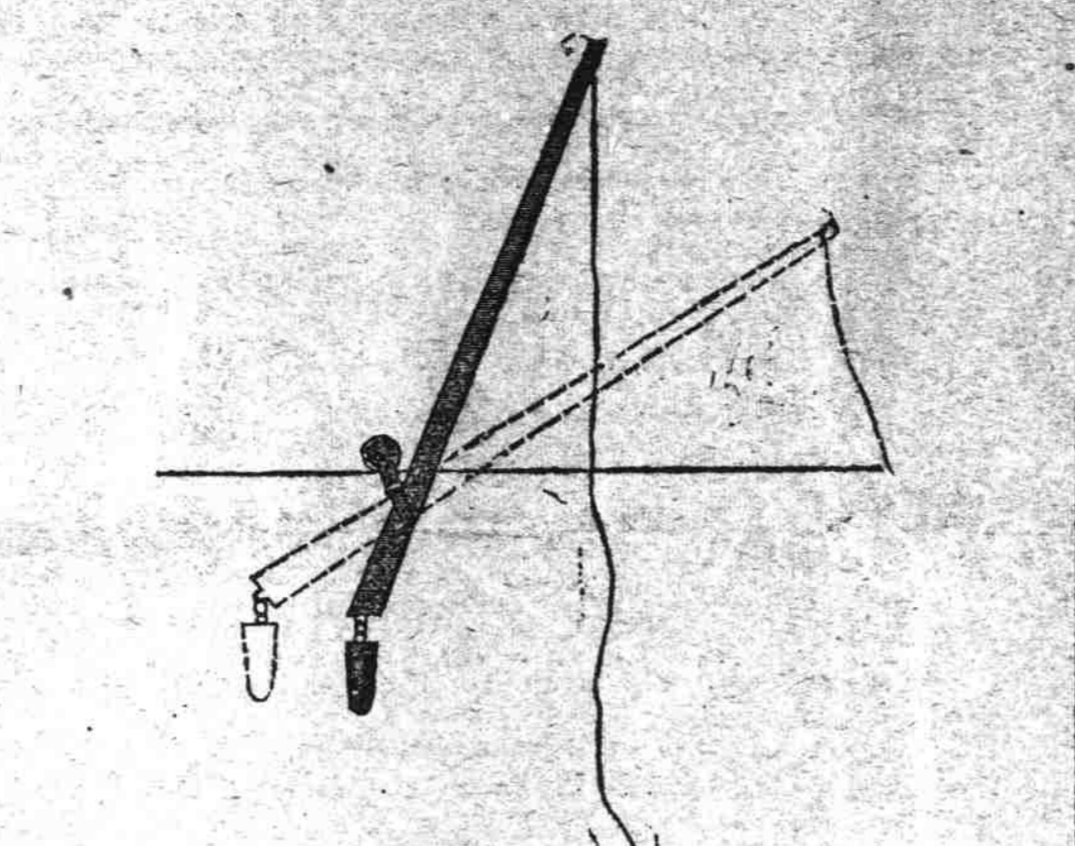
"Well madam," said a fashionable physician to a wealthy lady patient, "if you don't like my prescriptions, perhaps you had better try Parker's Tonic, or some other quack stuff."

"You don't mean it, Doctor," she answered, "but your advice may be good for all that. Sometimes what you call 'quack stuff' is the best and most scientific medicine, after all." She got a bottle of Parker's Tonic and it cured her of neuralgia arising from disordered stomach and nerves. She told her friends, and now they all keep a doctor at home in the form of Parker's Tonic.

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**Democrats and the Tobacco Tax.**

It is to be borne in mind that Mr. Carlisle, in refusing to permit any Democratic Congressman to make a motion that might lead to the repeal of the tobacco tax, was careful not to argue the question. It is true that he is opposed to the repeal of the tax, but it is equally true that neither he nor any other person now living on the American continent, can present a reasonable argument in favor of this tax on one of our most important agricultural products.

Tobacco in any form may be a luxury, or it may be a poison; but the fact remains that it is a very important agricultural product. Like cotton, it is a cash article, and a tax on it, no matter what the doctrinaires and fools may say, is a tax on its production. As a matter of fact the tax is paid one and half times. It is partly paid by the producers in the effect that such a tax must have on production, and it is paid by consumers, the great majority of whom are the poorest people in the country.

Thus we behold the spectacle of a great government with a treasury overflowing with money wrung from the tax-payers, levying contributions on an agricultural product that is depended on by thousands of humble farmers to supply them with a little pocket money. We also behold the spectacle of the speaker of the Democratic House of Representatives refusing to entertain a motion for the repeal or modification of this unnecessary and unjust tax.

We know very well why Mr. Carlisle refused to entertain the motion. The ramifications of the whiskey ring are ingenious, but they are not surprising. If the tobacco tax were out of the way, the people would make bold to strike at the whiskey tax, and this doesn't suit the ring. By exporting its products and bribing government officials, the whiskey ring can escape the payment of the tax; but if the tax is repealed, the ring will lose its prestige and cease to be a powerful monopoly. This is why Mr. Carlisle refused to entertain a motion for the repeal of the tobacco tax.

We say, candidly, that the Democratic party cannot afford to go before the people on the record that Speaker Carlisle has made for it. The tobacco tax must be repealed. The people of the country, Republicans as well as Democrats, are a unit in favor of the repeal, and Congress must carry out the wishes of the people. If Speaker Carlisle and the agents of the whiskey ring stand in the way, they must be side-tracked.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

**THE WAY THE MONEY GOES.**

**Some Mistakes Made by Farmers.**

It is a mistake to buy hay at one dollar per hundred, when you can produce it at eight cents per hundred.

It is a mistake to buy goods on a credit at long profits, when you produce only one crop with which to pay for them, and when you can have no control over the price of that crop.

It is a mistake to give chattel mortgages and crop liens for supplies which you can raise at home for at least one-third less than you pay for them.

It is a mistake to neglect to make

**How Workmen Waste Money.**

The results of the recent strike in New York are worth thinking over. For two weeks or more thirty or forty thousand freight handlers and longshoremen have remained idle hoping to force their employers to accept their terms.

As a matter of course the strikers were defeated. They were defeated at a loss of \$12,000,000 to themselves and the railroad and steamship companies.

Money talks. It talks when one has it, and it howls and protests after it is gone. The defeated strikers realize this. The millions that they have wasted would have given them support and comfort. Now the crest-fallen men are thankfully returning to work, if they have the good luck to have it offered to them, but thousands will remain out with no certainty of securing employment.

But it is the helpless women and children who bear the heaviest burden of these mad strikers. We sympathize with the man who works for insufficient wages, but when he has others dependent upon him he must utilize the bird in hand and not make random excursions into the bushes. No man who lives by his daily wages can afford to throw up a job until he has secured another. It is nothing but rank folly to quit work and swagger about in the hope of getting bigger pay.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

The Legislature of Nevada adjourned the other day, and the train running out of Carson was filled with members. Some were initiated into the voice of the conductor, and called out: "Passel!" Every person on the train except three mechanically held up their passes, those three were drummers.—*M.*

**WRONG LEGISLATION.**

The Wilmington Star has this to say concerning Mormonism: There is a great deal of harm done because people do not consider. The amount of unwisdom legislation that grows out of ignorance, haste and want of reflection is something stupendous. Mormon polygamy is disgusting, is a stench and ought to be stamped out. But the Mormon church is another thing. In this country men are guaranteed the right of conscience—soul liberty—the privilege of believing this or that. The Mormon religion is very absurd, very insufficient, very misleading. But men and women profess to believe it, and it is not proper, it is not in accordance with the genius of free institutions and liberty of worship to enact laws that disfranchise and persecute them. A man in this country should be free to hold whatever political or religious opinions he chooses. If persecuting for conscience sake begins there is no telling where it may all end. The time was once that men were hounded, maligned, pilloried, persecuted, expatriated, and that too in this country. But men now, with but few exceptions, hold steadfastly to the right of conscience and soul liberty.

The Mormons are not a people to be commended. Their example is vicious, and their religion a fraud, but it is not right to disfranchise them for what they believe or profess to believe. Compel them to abandon polygamous practices, but let alone their church. We are prompted to write this because of the following paragraph we find in the New York Times, Republican, which contains a correct view we think:

"The legislature of Nevada has passed, with only three opposing votes, a resolution proposing a constitutional amendment whose adoption will disfranchise all members of the Mormon church in that State. This amendment provides that no one shall be allowed to vote who will not swear that he is not a member of that church. Such a test-oath law is in force in Idaho. A similar law was enacted in Arizona two years ago, and in response to the recommendation of the the Governor was repealed last month. The action of the Nevada legislature is not to be commended. No man should be disfranchised for the sole reason that he belongs to a certain church or because he holds certain opinions. But if those opinions lead him to violate the law by practicing polygamy he should be prosecuted with all the vigor which the law allows."

**Pay Your Physician.**

He is your friend when a friend is most needed. He is your friend when you are most distressed. He comes into the sick room of your family with every desire to comfort, console and cure the sick one. His heart is, or ought to be, as full of sympathy as one of the family. Family secrets are imparted to him; he is trusted and honored by the confidence reposed in him; he feels it, and wishes for that feeling to continue—but remember that he is human like yourself, and has wants that must be supplied. He has a family to support, and is dependent upon your aid for the support of that family, as well as himself, as a reward for his labors—labors that weary his head, his heart and his body. He does not like to disturb the pleasant relations existing between himself and the families in which he practices by presenting bills or collecting by law. When that has to be done he cannot approach the bedside of the sick one as he would wish. He feels that he has been neglected, and his patient feels it too, and thus arises unpleasant emotions that ought not to exist. Make him feel that his services are appreciated by paying him in a reasonable time, and then there will be a mutual and kind friendship existing between the doctor and his patients, which will increase and grow with time as to make them feel akin.—*Victory's People's Magazine.*

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**The Devil After Zeb Vance.**

Senator Vance is a thorough democrat in every sense. He converses with his fellow citizens in the humblest walks of life with as much liveliness as he exhibits at a presidential reception. His abounding humor is elicited by the slightest occasion. The other afternoon he was riding in a herdie down from the capitol in company with four or five other Senators. A newsboy jumped on the vehicle and offered the evening papers. Senator Vance, with a merry twinkle in his eye, when the paper was handed to him, said:

Sonny, I can't read.

The boy looked at him hard and offered his papers to the other Senators. Just as he was ready to step out of the herdie he shook his finger at Vance and said:

The devil will get you for lying, yet.

There a general laugh, in which the North Carolina Senator heartily joined. He called the boy back and reached in his pocket for his change, but the little rascal had darted off to find a fresh victim.—*Washington Critic.*

**A Senator as to The Senate.**

What if the Democrats shall be in a majority next December when the Senate convenes? The terms of six Democratic Senators expire on the 3rd of March. These are Messrs. Jones of Florida, Cockrell of Missouri, Fair of Nevada, Whitmore of Tennessee, Maxey of Texas, Camden of West Virginia. The terms of twelve Republican Senators expire at the same time.

It would be practically the same thing if there should be an extra session called, say, immediately. The Republican majority would be wiped away. The Democrats until the new members were sworn in would be in control; that is, they would be able to seize the power of the Senate, elect a President pro tempore, and appoint the committees. Of course they will do nothing of the sort. The possibility of such a thing is merely a harmless sensation which was started by a Western correspondent, and which as yet is not general known.—*Goldboro Messenger.*

**Editing A Paper.**

Editing a paper is a pleasant business if you like it.

If it contains much political matter people won't have it.

If the type is large it don't contain much news.

If we publish telegraph reports people say they are nothing but lies.

If we omit them we have no enterprise or suppress them for political effect.

If we have a few jokes folks say we are nothing but rattleheads.

If we omit jokes they say we are nothing but a fossil.

If we publish original matter they grumble at us for not giving selections.

If we give selections people say we are lazy for not writing more and giving them something they have not read in other papers.

If we give a complimentary notice we are censured for being partial.

If we don't all hands say we are a hog.

If we insert an article which pleases the men the ladies become jealous and vice versa.

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